



Newsletter

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Election Time Again

Nominating Committee Requests Your Help

Inside the back cover of this issue you will find a nomination ballot. If you or someone you know would like to be in a position on the board, write in the name. (Be sure to verify the person you nominate is willing to serve.) There are 4 officers and a minimum of 2 board positions. (No maximum has been set.)

The nominating committee will be compiling the ballot from the nominees that you help to provide.

We need all nominations by Sept. 20th, so don't delay!

Labor Day Open House

Join us at the Museum from 9:00-4:00 Sept. 3rd

Stop by the Museum while enjoying the Labor Day festivities in town.

October 14 At 1:00 PM

Elections will be held at this quarterly meeting. We would like you to vote in person, but if you cannot attend, send in the ballot that you will find in the **next newsletter**. For your ballot to be counted, it must be received before the election.

Are your representatives doing a good job for your museum? Re-elect them. Are your representatives messing things up? Vote them out. Can you do a better job? Put your name on the ballot.

A little new blood in any organization is often a good thing.

Remember, if using the ballot, get your vote sent in early!

Quarterly Meeting Dates Announced!!

All members are invited, and encouraged to attend our quarterly meetings. Help us to decide what is best for **Your Museum**. We need your ideas! Vote at this meeting!

Sunday at 1:00, October 14 !!



Don Mason

Board meetings held every 3rd Thursday of the month @ 1:PM Members are encouraged to attend

The Museum Is Located At

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Museum Hours

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At The Museum



Left to right: Gino Picini, Joe Zumek, General Electric, and Don Botts.

We have a new appliance in our lunch room at the Museum. Did I say new? I mean old. It just looks new since it has been restored to like-new condition. The old "General" is just one step above the ice-box version of how we used to keep our perishables from perishing. The General has an overhead compressor that can be seen in the picture.

Our appreciation goes out to project chairman Joe Zumek, Gino Picini, and Don Botts for a job well done.

Special Thanks

I want to thank **Bill Kombol** for his contributions to the newsletters with the coal mine reports. I have more reports that were submitted, but due to the lack of room in this issue, they will appear in the next issue.

Membership Rates

Individual, Annual	\$10.00
Couple	\$15.00
Organization	\$30.00
Lifetime	\$100.00
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President	Don Mason
Vice President	Evan Morris Jr.
Treasurer	Clayton Mead
Secretary	Dee Israel

Directors

Don Botts, Howard Botts, Jackie Cedarholm, Steve Israel, Bill Luke, JoAnne Matsumura, Gino Picini, Joe Zumek

Volunteers

(Listed on Page 6)

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From The Editor

Steve Israel



Wow! Time's fun when you're having flies! I can't believe it is time for another newsletter already! Actually it is a little past time, and I have not had time to get at it, due to my schedule at school. If I could only get hired on here at the Museum as a paid full time staff member, (Ha) I would not have any excuses for being a bit tardy. As we all know, we are all volunteers here at this Museum, and we all do the best we can with the time and materials available to us.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that work behind the scenes to keep this place going. Thank you! I would also like to thank all of you who have donated to our causes, like the fire resistant file cabinet. Thank You! Every little bit adds up to complete the big picture, you know, like a puzzle.

We have had so much material for the newsletter this month that I can't possibly include it all in this issue. I should feel blessed, but actually I feel a bit overwhelmed. I want to include everyone's contributions so they will know how much I really appreciate them, but it won't fit! We try to keep our newsletters limited to 12 pages so we can mail them with one 34¢ stamp. I will do my best to include the remaining material in next month's issue.

Hey! Its time for elections! Anyone out there want my position? Don't be shy, I have been doing this for a year now, and I am willing to turn it over. If we have no takers, I will be honored to be your editor for another term.

Speaking of elections, we want to encourage all of you to attend the **October 14th quarterly meeting** for the elections. For those of you who may not be able to attend our next quarterly meeting, you will be able to cast your votes from the comfort of your living rooms. Our next newsletter will include a ballot for the election of officers and board positions. Vote early - vote often! Once per election.

For your convenience, this issue has a primary ballot inside the back cover. Use it to get your choice on the ballot for the big election!

Steve Israel

BDHS BOARD MEETINGS REPORT

By: Dee Israel

For May, June & July

The City of Black Diamond has placed a coal car at the west entrance to the city. They are planning on placing a car at each entrance to the city. We have a couple coal cars on display at the Museum and recently had another one donated. The donor of this latest car gave us permission to pass it on to the city. The city was happy to receive the car.

At the May 3rd meeting, a discussion was made on the description of the Museum Manager. The Museum Manager would be in charge of maintaining the facilities, not the artifacts. This has always been the intent of the Board. It was felt by the Board that Bob Eaton would be a good Museum Manager since he has been an active member for many years, and is very knowledgeable about the building structure in general. At the May 10th meeting Bob Eaton advised the Board that he felt the Museum Manager should also be in charge of the artifacts in the building. He said if the artifacts in the Museum are not under the control of the Museum Manager, he does not want to continue in that position. We are sorry to report that Bob Eaton is no longer the Museum Manager. Bob also decided he no longer wanted to be the representative for the Museum at the AKCHO meetings. Jackie Cedarholm has agreed to take over that position.

We are still busy rewriting the By-Laws. When that project is finalized, there is still the Articles of Incorporation to revise, the Budget to set up for next year, as well as Committees and Policies & Procedures to set up.

Bob Eaton advised us that Eastside Heritage Group has asked if we would like to participate in their project of putting together a book. It would consist of listing photos, stories, etc. about Black Diamond. A decision has not yet been made. They will need an answer before September 19, 2001.



Our Memorial Board is in need of some work. Also, the Memorial Fund is getting low.

President, Don Mason has announced that we need more docents. We have a lot

of tours scheduled and he is not able to come from Kent to do them all. **We are making a request of all the Society members for more volunteer docents and tour guides.**

Jackie Cedarholm advised us, at the last AKCHO meeting Charles Payton reported that King County will have a Expo on November 12 & 13 to celebrate their 150th anniversary. He said of the 130 organizations belonging to AKCHO, 60 can set up booths at this Expo. A form must be filled out and submitted to be able to set up the booth and it is on a first come, first served basis. We need to decide if we are going to participate. If so we must quickly get the form submitted.

Welsh Day was a great success and the cost of the flags, we bought and placed in the cemetery for the day was completely covered by donations from six of our members.

We have also had a total of \$260.00 donated specifically towards the purchase of the fire resistant file cabinet. We need over \$600.00 to make the purchase.

JoAnne Matsumura is working with Mr. Wing on getting copies of the Black Diamond photos that were included in his video that he showed us after the quarterly meeting in April.

Mr. Bill Walker entertained us on July 15th, after the quarterly membership meeting, with a talk about the Milwaukee Railroad and a video called "Along The Tracks".

Submitted by:
Dee Israel, Secretary

IN MEMORY

To those Black Diamond Historical Society members, who gave unselfishly towards the Societies Mission and Goals. The society offers condolences to the families and friends of:

Bud King

Margaret Thomas

Woodrow Wallace Gauthier

Mr. Gauthier, at age 15 began working with his brother, Joe, at Gauthier Bros. Lumber and Logging and served the Black Diamond communities need for lumber. He remained in the business until 1980. He was preceded in death by his daughter Gayle Mummert, three brothers Melvin, Lawrence and Norman; and sister Alice Kamppinen. Survivors include his wife Rose Kombol Gauthier, sons Ken and Pat, and his brother Joe (all of Maple Valley); 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

(Please send notices to the editor so we may extend sympathies from the Museum, and inform our members.)

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN THE NAME OF:

Bud King
Margaret Thomas

DONATION MADE BY:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zumek
Margaret Stanley

MONETARY DONATIONS

The museum wishes to thank the following for their general monetary donation that have been made during this past quarter of May, June & July:

Joan Barber

John & Susie Morganti

Virtue Gingrich

Clara Murphy

Renton Christian School

Edith Banchemo

Robert Burdick

Mary Lou Bovee

Kindercare of Covington

We would like to thank the following for their monetary donation towards the purchase of the Welsh Flags:

Glenn & Barbara Fredericksen

Evan Morris

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Garrett

Lois Estby

Audrey Mendenhall

Rachel Fagnan

We would also like to thank the following for their donations towards the fire resistant filing cabinet:

Marcia Berg

Sara Morris

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Corlett

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Recognizing Our Volunteers

DOCENTS

Don Botts
Howard Botts
Donna Gouchenour
Mary Chilcott
Ethel Duncan
Mary Lou Bovee
Charlie & Dorothy Corlett
Don Mason
Anna Morris
Nadine Hulsey
Beth Van Buskirk
Muriel Waldo

THURSDAY CREW

Don Botts
Jackie Cedarholm
Charlie Corlett
Dee Israel
Steve Israel
Bill & Betty Luke
Don Mason
JoAnne Matsumura
Clayton Mead
Gino Picini
Joe Zumek

COOKS

Marlene Bortleson
Beth Deady
Ethel Duncan
Donna Gouchenour
Rosemary Kanoske
Nancy Mead
Jill Sena
Beth Van Buskirk
Eileen Zumek

Volunteers Needed!!!

We would like to keep our doors open longer. Many people have been turned away that have wanted to visit our museum, because we don't have the personnel to extend our weekend hours. It has been suggested that we be open from 11 AM to 4 PM during the Spring through Fall.

Contact us if you can be at the Museum anytime on weekends.

GUESTS

By: Don Botts

During the months of **May, June & July** we had **1289** visitors to the Museum. Some came on specially arranged tours, some set out for a day's outing with the Black Diamond Historical District as their destination, and others were just in the neighborhood and decided to stop in.

There were visitors from 16 States: California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and here in Washington.

There were also people visiting from British Columbia & Montreal Canada, England, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Rio De Janiro, Scotland and Sweden.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For May, June & July, 2001

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has over 244 members. Since our last newsletter, we have had 11 new members join the Society. These new members are:

Carl Falk
Jean Kelly
Greg & Cecelia Morris
Taff Roofing

Beverly Botting Goucher
Tom Maks
Sara Morris
Vera Toman

Georgia Grove
Henrietta McAllister
Michael Nible

We are happy you have joined us and hope you are as excited as we are to share knowledge of this area's memories and people. We also want to thank those of you who have recently renewed your membership. The support of the members is what helps keep your museum alive.

On the page of this newsletter that has your mailing label, there is a square that reads: "**If this box is checked your dues are due**". Please look to see if that box has been checked. If it has been, please send me your membership renewal form and your membership dues; or let me know why you feel it is in error. Otherwise, you may be dropped from our membership and I don't want that to happen anymore than you do.

Your membership committee would like to get an idea of the ages of our members. Would you let us know what the date of your birth is? You can do this by a phone call, a card/letter or by E-mail.

Are you looking for a special gift for a close friend or relative? If they are interested in the history of Black Diamond and it's surrounding area, you can purchase a membership to the Black Diamond Historical Society as a gift for them. (Membership rates are listed on page 3 of this issue.)

Dee Israel

MINI CLASS REUNION

Everyone was pleasantly surprised on March 29th to see a "Mini Class Reunion" at the Museum! The high school class of 1938 was honored, really!

Beth Botts Van Buskirk had seen a name in the phone book and she called to see if it was a former classmate of hers. It was! She called some other classmates of hers in the area and they all got together for lunch at the Museum. Besides Beth, there were Bob and Myron Davidson of Puyallup, Julia Grens Mann of Auburn, Linda Dal Santo Maks of Black Diamond, Evie Swann of Black Diamond, All of the class of 1938, and Dorothy Franz Corlett of Black Diamond, class of 1939. Some of these people had not seen each other in over 60 years! They were just kids when they saw each other, and needless to say they did not know each other. It was fun trying to figure out who was who! It was surprising to see how many memories came back almost instantly. No loss of memory there!

It would be great to see more "get togethers" like that. The Davidson's said they had not been to Black Diamond in over 60 years. All present said they had fond memories of their lives here. Goes to show it was a great place to grow up.

Dorothy Corlett

Note: Come on guys, send us some more of your thoughts, etc.



Left to right: Everett Swann, Julia Grens Mann, Bob Davidson, Beth Botts Van Buskirk, and Myron Davidson.

Photograph courtesy of Julia Mann.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

JoAnne Matsumura

THE FOLLOWING NEW ACCESSIONS ARE WELCOMED ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTIONS. WE EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO THESE DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY.

HELGA MCLEESE	MILK BOTTLE TOPS, HOIST FAMILY DAIRY
ALBERT ARMSTRONG	"WOLF" SAFETY LAMP, CC, ID TAG #103
ROBERT MORGAN SMITH	WELSH HERITAGE VIDEO, MORGAN & MORGANS
FRANK GRGURICH	WATER BATH CANNER, ROASTER & HIGH SCHOOL MEMORABILIA, 1938—1940
BILL & PATTY SWEDBERG	COAL FOR THE OUTDOOR MINE DISPLAY
RACHEL FAGNAN	FAMILY HISTORY SHEET OF REESE T. REESE WITH LOAN OF PHOTOGRAPH (TEMPORARY)
RUTH MILLS KERKES	1975 NEWSCLIPPINGS & CARDS
BILL KOMBOL	BOOKS, "MINING CATALOGS FOR COAL UNDERGROUND" AND BLASTING MACHINE #30 ON PERMANENT LOAN
HARRIETTE (EMIL) ROSSI	ROSSI FUEL & TRUCKING CHECK REGISTER, WOOD HANDLED MEAT SAW, SCROLL OF THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF THE BLACK DIAMOND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1933, AND BOTTLE COLLECTION AND PHOTOGRAPH
DAVE MITMAN	CAST IRON STOVE TOP KETTLE
JOE ZUMEK	AERIAL PHOTO OF BLACK DIAMOND, 1960'S
LARY & MARGARET PEARCE	CD-ROM, PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN MUSEUM AND RELATED PRINTS

Wish List

Easels, any size; Peddlers Merchandise Carrying Case; Enumclaw Newspapers, old and new; Labor Day Buttons or Picture Example for years: 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, and 1963.

JoAnne Matsumura

Enumclaw High School Class of '61 Celebrates 40 years

By Betty Luke

The Enumclaw High School Class of 1961 celebrated its 40th class reunion on August 3rd and 4th at the VFW Hall, Enumclaw, WA. with people coming from all over the country, and one from Germany to attend. Among those who came to renew old friendships were nine former students from Black Diamond, and one of their favorite teachers, who taught them in both the 4th and 6th grades, at the Black Diamond School.

During the evening of festivities, there was much reminiscing about our high school days and the good times we had in school; but those of us from Black Diamond seemed to share something a little beyond that. We were a unique group of 24 kids; most of us had been together, sharing the same classroom each year, since we started first grade. In the fall of 1957, after finishing the 8th grade, we began attending High School in Enumclaw. What a change! We went from a school where we knew everyone into the much larger High School, where we changed classes and rooms every hour and hardly knew anyone.

The teachers we had at the Black Diamond School were probably one of the biggest reasons that many of us did so well. They helped us build the foundations for successful lives. Yes, we did branch out, make new friends, and traveled our own paths; but came together at this reunion to rekindle the spirit of our school years, and the lives we shared as children growing up in Black Diamond. Who would have thought in those earlier days that by the time we reached our 40th class reunion we would find our pictures appearing in a Historical publication!



Pictured from left to right, Front row: Pam (Coby) Backus, Enumclaw; Pat (Zinter) Martin, Renton; LaVerne "Pudgie" Hawthorne, Enumclaw; Betty (Corlett) Luke, Black Diamond. Back Row: Jerry English, (class of 1960) Enumclaw; Deryl Sleigh (retired teacher), Enumclaw; Darrell Stanley, Buckley; Tom Maks, Eugene, OR; Bill Bryant, Black Diamond; Darold Gilbertson, Renton.

Photograph by
M.T. Photo, Enumclaw, WA.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Society member **L.B. Nanovich**? His newsletter came back with the statement that he was no longer at the Federal Way address that we had for him.

Black Diamond Welsh Heritage Day

The Black Diamond Museum was bursting at the seams with over 160 in attendance on June 9th at the third annual Welsh Heritage Day. The program included performance by the Band Y Ddraig Goch (The Red Dragon Band), **Robert Morgan Smith** presenting a video from Wales featuring several different Folk Dance Groups of Wales, and singing by several members of the Seattle Welsh Choir led by Margie Hunt.

The many people who helped organize the event include: Don Mason, President of the Black Diamond Historical Society, worked on the overall organization and newspaper promotion and on getting donations for the purchase of Welsh Flags for placement on Welsh graves in the cemetery; Dee Israel, Secretary of the Black Diamond Historical Society, on raffle sales; Jackie Cedarholm on program; Charlie Corlett on audio for the program; Dorothy Corlett as docent at the front desk; JoAnne Matsumura on archives display; Carolyn Bell on sales of Welsh CDs and books; Gerri Parry, Mary Mason and Seattle Welsh Women on the t Te Bach.

Also David and Jane Jones placed the Welsh flags on some of the Welsh graves in the cemetery. It was a beautiful sight! Money to pay for purchasing the flags was donated by: Lois Estby, Rachel Fagnan, Glen Fredericksen, Dwight Garrett Audrey Mendenhall and Evan Morris Sr. We thank these people for their generosity which made this beautiful sight possible! We will use these flags again next year.

Ruth Ayers Hofto, age 91, donated two of her paintings for the raffle. We thank Ruth for her donation of the beautiful pictures, which brought in \$1,131.00 to the Museums coffers; this money is much needed and appreciated! One was an oil painting of Mount Rainier and the other was a copy of a watercolor of her grandparents' home in Black Diamond. The lucky winners were: 1st prize - Mount Rainier picture went to Gladys Pierotti and 2nd prize - Picture of Ruth's grandparents' home went to Lyla Brown. We are happy that Ruth was in attendance that day and we thank her for doing the drawing.

It was a happy and successful day with the Welsh descendents sharing stories, pictures and memorabilia.

Jackie Cedarholm



Left: Mrs. Gladys (Emilo) Pierotti proudly displays her first prize painting by Ruth Ayers Hofto.

Right: Lyla Brown was very pleased to win the watercolor of Ruth's grandparents' house.



Application For Membership or Renewal



Name (s) _____ Day Phone _____ - _____ - _____
 _____ Eve. Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Annual Membership Fees

- Cash Check
- New Renewal
- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Organization \$30.00
- Lifetime (Individual) \$100.00

Make Checks Payable To: BDHS
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(For our bookkeeping records, on all checks please note what the check is for: Dues; Donation; Memorial; Etc.)

For Museum Use Only:

Date: _____ Initials: _____ File: _____

Nominations

(Must be received before 9/20)
 (Mail to address above)

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Vice President
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Position #2
Position #3
Position #4
Position #5
Position #6

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To Attend**

Elections!

**See inside this issue
for the primary ballot.**

**The Black Diamond
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tion. Our funding comes
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To donate your time or
money would be a great
way for you to help pre-
serve our history.